

Appendix D: Accessing COE Online Services

This appendix describes how to access the COE online services described in Chapter 10. These services are used to view documentation, the segment catalog, download files, and participate in project-related newsgroups.

The primary method for accessing online services is via the World-Wide-Web. The World-Wide-Web is a virtual network existing on top of the Internet. It is based on a hyperlink protocol called HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol). Users access the web through any available hypertext browser, such as:

- Mosaic, developed by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications
- Netscape, marketed by Netscape Corporation
- MSN, the Microsoft Network.

Web servers are represented by Uniform Resource Locators (URLs). The URL for the unclassified (Internet) DII COE online services is

`http://spider.osfl.disa.mil/dii`

Note: The lowercase letter “l” is used in “osfl” and not the number “1.”

This URL contains useful COE information, and contains hyperlinks to a number of related government home pages. Specific information available from the DII COE home page includes:

- Instructions for downloading COE-related documents
- A search engine for making queries
- SHADE Documentation and news
- Working papers from the COE Engineering group
- Meeting minutes from the DII COE Architectural Oversight Group
- Meeting minutes from the various Technical Working Groups
- Schedule of upcoming events, including product releases
- Form for submitting requests to the DISA DII CM department
- Frequently Asked Questions

Other useful links include:

<code>http://www.disa.mil</code>	Home page for DISA
<code>http://www.disa.mil/line/jieo.html</code>	Home page for DISA JIEO
<code>http://spider.osfl.disa.mil</code>	Home page for GCCS-related information

Meeting notices and minutes, briefings, and documentation can be retrieved and downloaded from the DISA web server. Most of the information can be viewed directly online through a web browser.

All information at the given URL is unclassified. Contact the DISA Engineering office to receive the URL for the classified (SIPRNET) COE online services. These URLs are subject to change as the COE is extended.

The remainder of this appendix is being revised as the COE services are extended to support GCSS, GCSS, ECPN, and other COE-based systems. An update to this appendix will be provided when completed. Specific information will be provided then for:

- accessing services via anonymous ftp
- viewing the segment catalog
- downloading segments from the SDMS
- downloading the Developer's Toolkit
- downloading documentation
- searching for specific documents or topics
- accessing COE-related newsgroups
- receiving event notifications related to segments in progress
- retrieving meeting minutes, briefings, and meeting notices.